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SUBJECT: CHRYSLER MOTORS CANCELS AGENTS' MEETING SCHEDULED TO
TAKE PLACE IN BEIRUT NEXT MONTH

1. SEVERAL MONTHS AGO THE REGIONAL CHRYSLER REPRESENTATIVE SUGGESTED THAT THE ANNUAL WORLD-WIDE MEETING OF AGENTS (SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER) TAKE PLACE IN BEIRUT RATHER THAN IN LONDON AS WAS USUALLY THE CASE. HIS SUGGESTION WAS ACCEPTED AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR ABOUT 450 PERSONS WERE MADE. A DECISION HAS NOW BEEN TAKEN, HOWEVER, TO CANCEL BEIRUT AS THE VENUE, FOLLOWING COMPLAINTS FROM NUMEROUS AGENTS THAT BEIRUT WAS NOT A SAFE PLACE TO MEET IN.

2. MOTIVATION IN CANCELLING PROPOSED MEETING REFLECTS THINKING CONTAINED IN SEPTEMBER 13 INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE ARTICLE BY JONATHAN RANDALL, HIGHLIGHTING RECENT
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3. CHRYSLER DECISION SO FAR IS ONLY INDICATION OF A TREND AGAINST THE PREVAILING ONE OF INCREASING FOREIGN BUSINESS PRESENCE HERE.
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